

**REMARKS**

A statement that the present application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/010837 has been added immediately after the TITLE.

Claim 1 has been amended to better conform with U.S. practice. This amendment does not change the scope of the claim in any way. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 2-4; page 4, lines 4-7 and 14-20; and page 5, lines 5-8; in Example 1; and in original claim 1. See, *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (l).

Claims 2-4 and 6-9 have been amended to removed alternative language, *i.e.*, “such as,” “especially,” “preferably,” and “most preferably,” to better conform to U.S. practice. These amendments do not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claims 4-10 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to better conform with U.S. practice and to minimize filing fees.

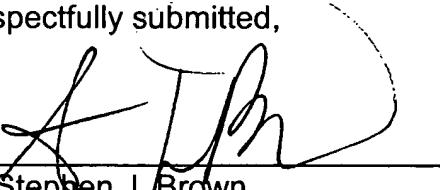
Claims 11-21 have been added. Support for these claims is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 2-4; page 4, line 4-20; and page 4, line 26 - page 6, line 2; in Example 1; and in original claims 2-4 and 6-9. See *id.*

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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